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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 7, as amended, remain herein. Claims 4 to 7 have been amended hereby.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 4. A spark gap device for a high-power electric generator as claimed in any of the above claims claim 1, characterized in that said device (7) is a high-voltage, multigap spark device operating in air at atmospheric pressure or at higher pressure, the gap between the main electrodes being controlled by a spacer (10).
- 5. A spark gap device (7) for a high-power electric generator as claimed in any of the above claims claim 1, characterized in that the dielectric (2) consists of thin insulating layers.
- 6. A spark gap device (7) for a high-power electric generator as claimed in any of the above claims claim 1, characterized in that the protecting insulator (4) is provided by a high-voltage cable.
- 7. A spark gap device for a high-power electric generator as claimed in any of the above claims claim 1, characterized in that the trigger electrode (6) is a rigid tube.